



South Carolina  
Department of Transportation

August 4, 2015

Ms. Emily Lawton  
South Carolina Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
1835 Assembly Street, Suite 1270  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: Environmental Assessment 2<sup>nd</sup> Re-Evaluation: I-85/I-385 Interchange Improvement Project  
Greenville County, South Carolina  
PIN No. 38111\_RD01; State File No. 23.03811

Dear Ms. Lawton:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration approved an Environmental Assessment (September 2012), a Finding of No Significant Impact (February 2013), and a re-evaluation (November 2013) for the above referenced project. Since the November 2013 re-evaluation, the design has been modified to reduce relocation and property impacts. The EA identified two relocations and those properties will not be relocated. Relocations of tracts 21 and 36 are no longer needed. Additionally, the parcel at Whispering Hollow (tract 44) was originally identified as a partial take but is now a full take due to access. There is no relocation associated with tract 44 as this land is now vacant. Therefore, this re-evaluation is necessary and is being submitted for your review and concurrence.

Overall, the project's environmental impacts are expected to be minor, and the basic conclusions of the previous environmental documents, including the EA/FONSI, have not changed. Additionally, special commitments and mitigation measures will be implemented as outlined in the EA/FONSI. Therefore, we request your concurrence with this re-evaluation.

Sincerely,

David P. Kelly  
NEPA Coordinator, RPG 4





# ENVIRONMENTAL RE-EVALUATION FORM

FHWA South Carolina

State File #	23.03811	Fed Project #	IM23(009)	Project ID	38111_RD	Route	I-85/I-385	County	Greenville
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## Project Name/Description

I-85/I-385 Interchange Improvement Project: The SCDOT proposes to re-construct the existing I-85/I-385 interchange to improve the operational efficiency of the interchange to accommodate existing and projected traffic volumes. The proposed improvements include new direct-connect ramps; a new collector-distributor (C-D) along I-385; elimination of the C-D along I-85 southbound; and will isolate/modify several merge points. These improvements will address the documented deficiencies associated with the existing facility.

1. **DOCUMENT TYPE:**     EIS     EA     CE

### A. Other Actions Associated with the Project:

- Section 4(f) Evaluation
- Section 106 Compliance
- Wetland Finding/Section 404 Compliance
- T & E Species Biological Assessment
- None

2. **FHWA DOCUMENT APPROVAL DATE:**   

3. **DATE(S) OF PRIOR RE-EVALUATIONS:**   

## 4. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT STAGE:

- Final Design
- ROW
- Construction
- Other, Specify

5. **HAS DESIGN OR ROW CHANGED SINCE THE LAST APPROVAL?:**     YES     NO  
(if "NO" then Go To Item 7)

## 6. DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT PROJECT/DESIGN CHANGES:

The EA identified two relocations and those are no longer slated to be removed. Relocations of tracts 21 and 36 not needed. The parcel at Whispering Hollow (tract 44) was originally identified as a partial take but is now a full take due to access. No relocation needed and land is vacant.

**7. HAVE THERE BEEN SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT OR HAVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES BEEN UPDATED SINCE THE LAST PROJECT APPROVAL?: (If "NO" to both Items 5 and 7, Go To Item 10)**

YES  NO

**8. APPROVED DOCUMENT(S) RE-EVALUATION:**

**A. REVIEW OF EFFECTS:** (Complete this section if "YES" to either Item 5 or Item 7)

**SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT**

**CHANGE**

**REMARKS**

1. Land Use	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
2. Community	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
3. Relocations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Relocation of tracts 21 and 36 not needed.
4. Churches/Institutions	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
5. Title VI/E.O. 12898	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
6. Economic	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
7. Controversy	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
8. Other; Specify	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Tract 44 is now a full take due to access.

**NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

**CHANGE**

**REMARKS**

1. Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
2. Water Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
3. Wild/Scenic Rivers	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
4. Farmland	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
5. T & E Species	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
6. Floodplains	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
7. Other; Specify	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	

**PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT**

**CHANGE**

**REMARKS**

1. Noise	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
2. Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
3. Energy/Mineral Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
4. Construction/Utilities	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
5. UST's	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
6. Hazardous Waste Sites	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
7. Other; Specify	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	

CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT	CHANGE	REMARKS
1. Historic Sites	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
2. Archaeological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
7. Other; Specify	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	

PERMITS	CHANGE	REMARKS
1. U.S. Coast Guard	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
2. Forest Service/USACE/USFWS Land	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
3. Section 404	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
4. Other; Specify	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
<b>Have the required permits been obtained?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
<b>If "YES" what is the expiration date?</b>	<input type="text"/>	
<b>*If permits have expired, permits will need updated and attached to re-evaluation.</b>		

**9. NEED FOR PUBLIC INVOLVMENT:**

A public hearing/public information meeting was held for the project on:

There have been no changes in project design or environmental effects which would require a public hearing [or additional public hearing if one has already been held] or public information meeting.

The change(s) in project design and/or effects require(s) an additional public hearing/public information meeting. The meeting is scheduled for:

**10. FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS:**

Based on the analysis contained in this re-evaluation, it has been determined that the change in project design and/or

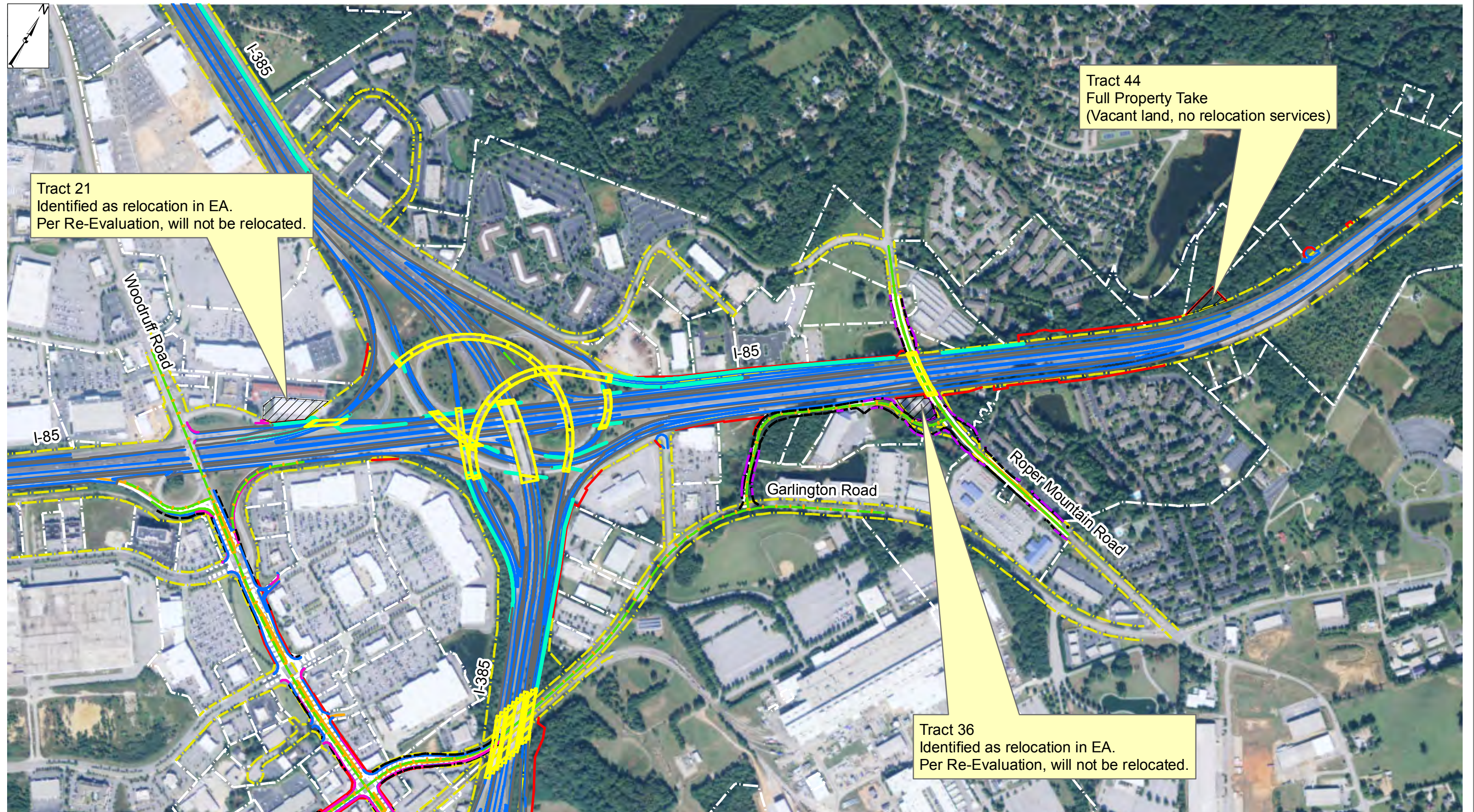
environmental effects would not significantly alter the conclusions reached in the approved environmental document and/or previous re-evaluation(s).

There have been no changes in the design/ROW of this project nor have there been changes in project effects or the affected

environment. Therefore, the conclusions reached in the approved environmental document and/or previous re-evaluation(s) remain valid.

Prepared By:  Date:

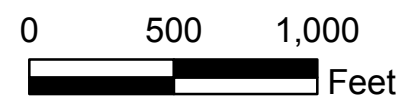
Concurred (FHWA):  Date:



Tract 21  
 Identified as relocation in EA.  
 Per Re-Evaluation, will not be relocated.

Tract 44  
 Full Property Take  
 (Vacant land, no relocation services)

Tract 36  
 Identified as relocation in EA.  
 Per Re-Evaluation, will not be relocated.



I-85/I-385 Interchange  
 EA Re-Evaluation - Property Take Revisions  
 Greenville County, South Carolina

DRAWN BY : J.L.S.  
 DATE : 07/16/15

